

McEwan May Not Tutor Army Eleven: Sports for Women Grow in Importance

NEWLY APPOINTED COACH DETAILED TO PORTO RICO

Given Orders Before He Was Named as Head Mentor
of West Point Gridmen—Must Be on Job All
All Year to Be Successful.

BY LAWRENCE PERRY.

NEW YORK, December 19.—It was learned today that Capt. John J. McEwan, the newly appointed head coach in football at West Point, was ordered to Porto Rico before the Army authorities named him as successor to Maj. Daly. So now we have rather a curious state of affairs. For as the present situation stands, the man upon whom the Army's foot ball destiny in 1923 depends must shortly break up his home on the academy reservation and depart for a place where foot ball is hardly in the air, as the saying is.

Now Capt. McEwan feels about this in a general way it may be stated that not half of the vital work performed by a head coach is done in the foot ball season. His duties are spent in planning, in meeting other coaches, in periodic conferences with his foot ball players and in acquainting himself with gridiron facts and fancies of the previous season which he may need to note at the time. A great deal, of course, would depend upon how long Capt. McEwan remains in the West Indies. But in any event it strikes the writer that if the Army wishes to begin the foot ball season on a high note, it should even chance of repeating last season's victory over the Midshipmen for coast coach. It is not to be denied that at some point of vantage nearer the gridiron at West Point than the Porto Rico station.

Double Disappointment.
Speaking of service foot ball, an amusing story comes out of the south. It seems that the Navy had cast covetous eyes upon Capt. Shirley of Auburn, one of the best backs in the south. As Shirley is in his senior year in the Alabama institution and had an infatuation for a life on the ocean wave it looked as though the athlete from Dixie would enlist in the Army-Navy games for the next four years. But then, it appears, at least so the story goes, Shirley began to hear the siren voices of some ardent West Point alumnus.

It is said that he turned his face resolutely toward West Point when the chagrined Navy advocates discovered an important fact. Shirley could enter either institution. The Navy, it is said, lost no time in acquainting him with the fact that when he signed with the Navy, he would have to go to the "dog house" of Birmingham. "What will I do now?" exclaimed Shirley, to Zipp Newman of Birmingham. "What will I do now?" replied Newman.

E. H. S. QUITS IN TWO GAMES TOMORROW
Scholastic basketballs, now well along in the 1922-23 campaign, are to engage in three contests tomorrow. Eastern High School, fresh from a victory over the District team, will play the first game, which will be held at 8 o'clock. The main team will tackle the Catholic University freshmen in a preliminary game at 10 o'clock. At Brookland, while the second team will journey to Hyattsville for a game with the District team, the main team will play the third game, which will be held at 8 o'clock. The game will be played at the home of the District team, at the University of the Holy Cross.

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Thirteen more games are to be played by the Georgetown Preps. The following schedule arranged by Manager Charles Dean will be played at Garrett Park unless otherwise indicated: January 10, Briarley Hall, 13; Swavely, 17; Rockville High, 19; Gonzaga, at Gonzaga; Eastern High, at Eastern; 20, Business High, 21; Swavely, February 3, Gonzaga, 7; Briarley Hall, 10; Maryland School for the Deaf, at Rockville High, at Rockville; 17, Western High, at Western; 24, Shenandoah Military Academy, at Winchester.

Gonzaga and Business High went through a strenuous battle at Gonzaga gymnasium yesterday, with the former winning 29 to 17. The game was hard fought all the way, few points separating the quints at any time. Gonzaga, with Farrington leading, outscored Business from the floor. Farrington also starred at free tossing, a department in which Business was particularly weak. Connor and Chaconas were best of the Stenographers.

Western High School was for a floor engagement. Play was to start at 3 o'clock.

Roanoke Picks Caldwell.
SALEM, Va., December 19.—George Caldwell of Radford, Va., has been chosen captain of the 1923 foot ball team of Roanoke College.

W. M. ELECTS GROTON.
WESTMINSTER, Md., December 19.—Ralph Groton, right end, has been chosen captain of the Western Maryland foot ball team for next season. He is a sophomore.

George Owen, Harvard foot ball star and captain of the Crimson hockey team, is as great a performer on the ice as he is on the gridiron.

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PENN STATE GRIDMEN TO BEGIN TRIP TODAY

STATE COLLEGE, Pa., December 19.—The Pennsylvania State College football team scheduled to leave here this afternoon for Chicago on the first lap of its journey to Pasadena, where the Nittany Lions meet the University of Southern California New Year day. About thirty men will make the trip.

The team was sent through its final practice yesterday for the battle. The mercury hovered around the zero mark and ten inches of snow covered the ground.

YALE DOWNS V. M. I. FOUR.
NEW HAVEN, December 19.—Adding another game to its string of victories, the Yale pony polo team yesterday defeated the four from the Virginia Military Institute, 11 to 5. The Virginians, who had completed a long string of games in the open, were somewhat handicapped through lack of practice with indoor conditions, but they pressed Yale hard all the way.

U. S. ATHLETES AROUSE EUROPEANS TO ACTION

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, December 19.—Participation of American athletes in international sporting events abroad has aroused great interest in America's athletic methods and has caused a widespread movement in Europe for the popularization of competitive sports. Former Adj. Gen. Charles H. Sherrill, United States Olympic committee member, who recently returned from a tour of Europe, declared:

"Europe is waking up to the fact that there is no more effective factor in the creation of a sound national spirit than the participation of American athletes who have competed in European sporting events."

TWO BIG GRID CLASHES FOR THE POLO GROUNDS

NEW YORK, December 19.—West Virginia and Rutgers foot ball teams will clash at the Polo Grounds tomorrow night, November 8, the New York National League club management has announced. A game between the two teams will be held at the Polo Grounds for November 3.

NEW YORK CUE IN LEAD.

Joseph Concanon, New York state pool champion, will have a lead of 21 points and be in stroke to night at 8:15 o'clock when he opens the second half of his game to 200 in the match with George Wheatley, District titleholder, at the Pickwick Academy, in the city last night. Concanon's opponent, Wheatley, 127 to 16.

DARLEY LEADS ST. JOHN'S.

ANNAPOLIS, December 19.—George Darley, a sophomore year was elected captain of the St. John's foot ball team for 1923. His home is in Baltimore.

COLLEGE BASKET BALL.

At Bloomington-Notre Dame, 32; Illinois Wesleyan, 25.
At Clinton-Hamilton, 34; Maine, 25.

Tips on Playing Basket Ball; Correct Rule Interpretations

BY ED THORP.

SHOOTING. As most of the basket ball throughout the country is played under the amateur rules, the instructions that are to follow will be given with the understanding that the basket is six inches from the backboard. In the professional game, where the backboard, nearly all shots are attempted from the floor.

A. Yes, for as soon as you take your first shot your play was completed and the ball becomes a free ball.

Q. Is one of the players jumping allowed to strike ball on its way up?

A. No, the ball must be stopped at its highest point in amateur game, on its way down in professional game.

Q. On a jump ball, right or left hand behind my back?

A. Yes, either hand.

Q. If two opponents strike a ball at the same time, causing it to go out of bounds, to which side does the referee give the ball?

A. The referee makes it a jump ball, three feet in on the court from the point it went out of bounds.

Q. If at the end of the regular periods the score is a tie, do the teams change goals for the extra five-minute period?

A. No, the additional period of five minutes will be played without change of baskets.

(If there are any points about the game of basket ball, write Ed Thorp, care of the Sporting Editor, enclosing stamped return envelope. He'll give you a quick and correct decision.)

PLUMPTON AN AMATEUR, A. A. U. OFFICIAL HOLDS

VINCENT PLUMPTON, Central High School student, charged with being a professional pugilist by S. Duncan Bradley, president of the Western-High School Home and School Association, and yesterday held "technically ineligible" to participate in scholastic athletics in a decision of the board of principals of the Washington high schools, would not be barred from competition in the South Atlantic A. A. U., according to an informal ruling by Latrobe Cogswell, president of that amateur sports governing body.

All charges of professionalism against Plumpton are based upon a single boxing bout held at Berwyn last Labor day, in which the Central boy, who is a sailor stationed at the aviation field in Anacostia, under the name of Jack Filling, competed with Edward Waters, fighting under the name of Young Stanley Ketchell. Affidavits filed with the board of principals and also submitted to Cogswell declared that Plumpton received money for the bout, but that it was turned over to the athletic director at the naval air station and that Plumpton was not responsible for the use of an assumed name.

In an affidavit, Cogswell, head of a branch of an organization noted for the severity of its amateur code, says that it is his "certain opinion that if Plumpton applied for registration to the South Atlantic Association of the Amateur Athletic Union, a charge of professionalism based on this incident would be considered as explained away, and it would be no due to his registration as an amateur athlete."

PENN RETAINS HEISMAN, BUT NOT AS GRID COACH

PHILADELPHIA, December 19.—John W. Heisman, whose contract as head coach of the Pennsylvania foot ball squad expired this fall, is not a candidate for reappointment. He will not, however, sever his connection with the university, having been engaged as assistant to the chairman of the council on athletics.

In making this announcement last night, S. E. Hutchinson, chairman of the athletic council, said that the foot ball committee was entirely satisfied with Heisman's work on the field and what he had done to "regain for Pennsylvania its position in the foot ball world."

He added that Heisman, who had been head coach for the last three years, had informed the committee at close of the present foot ball season that he did not desire to be considered as a candidate again for that position. "At the last meeting of the council on athletics," said Hutchinson's statement, "authorization was given to me as chairman to engage Heisman as assistant to the chairman of the council. In this position Heisman will continue the organization work he has carried on so successfully in addition to his coaching."

Hutchinson said the committee plans to canvass the coaching situation thoroughly, and as soon as possible to recommend a coaching policy and a coaching personnel, which we feel will meet with approval."

SCHOOL SOCCER TITLE TO THE MONROE TEAM

Monroe School's eleven for the second successive year is public school soccer champion of the District, but no team ever had to work harder for its laurels than did the title winner this season. Originally scheduled to meet Pierce School, eastern division leader in three games for the championship, Monroe, beat eleven of the western division, found itself faced with a formidable foe and did not clinch the honor until yesterday, when the fifth game went through two extra periods and ended 2 to 1 in its favor.

Two of the first three matches of the series resulted in scoreless draws, while Monroe took the other 2 to 0. Pierce came back with a vengeance in the fourth encounter and won 1 to 0, although it outplayed its opponent to a greater extent than indicated by the score. Three of these four tilts were extra-period affairs.

The winning goal yesterday was made by Oliveri, who had been shifted from goal to forward in the second extra period, just forty seconds before play ended. It was the result of a formidable foe and did not clinch the honor until yesterday, when the fifth game went through two extra periods and ended 2 to 1 in its favor.

The final shot for the Blundon and Hines trophies will be held the following Saturday, Oriole Club of Baltimore will visit for a match, January 6. The Washington Gun Club's annual meeting and dinner will be held at the City Club, December 27.

TURKEYS FOR HIGH GUNS AT TRAP SHOOT SATURDAY

Turkey meat is relished by members of Washington Gun Club, but those who would eat at the expense of their organization on Christmas day will find a more palatable fare at the trap shooting grounds on Saturday. Four trapshooting events of the last day of the season will be held at the Washington Gun Club's annual meeting and dinner will be held at the City Club, December 27.

Those who have observed Jack Heisman closely have marveled at his great wrists, and therein, undoubtedly, lies the major source of his amazing shots that Jack can negotiate—his spade, malleable back-spliner, for instance, which he takes off his right foot, with a divot a foot long, and a low-down flight to the ball, which, however, bites into the green and stays there.

WHITE SOX-YANK DEAL "ON" AGAIN, SAYS HUG
NEW YORK, December 19.—Miller Huggins, manager of the Yankees, is authority for the statement that the much rumored deal which would send Meusel, Ward and Hoyt to the White Sox in exchange for Eddie Collins, Bill Falk and another Chicago player still is "on." Leaving for Cincinnati yesterday to spend the holidays, Huggins said the deal still was hope that an agreement might be reached between the Yankees and the White Sox which would result in the triple exchange.

He also said that there were indications that the deal by which Jake May, the young pitcher of the Vernon club of the Pacific Coast League, would be traded to the Yankees, might be completed before the New Year.

COCHET, YOUNG FRENCH RACKETER, WINS OFTEN

Cochet of France, the twenty-year-old tennis player, swept all before him in European tournaments. He will finish his military service this winter, and he continues to improve he is likely to be a factor in future world championship play.

He won a dozen championships throughout France and other European countries since last fall.

WILL LEAD P. C. ELEVEN.

CLINTON, S. C., December 19.—Graham Miller of Clinton has been elected captain of the 1923 foot ball team of Presbyterian College.

Having won eleven six-day bicycle races during his career as a long-distance rider, Cochet may lay claim to being the world champion merry-go-round.

GREATEST OF STADIUMS BEING BUILT IN ENGLAND

England boasts the greatest sports stadium now under construction at Wembley, about ten miles from London.

The outside wall of the foot ball arena is half a mile around. In preparing for the annual soccer final for the English cup, best of five and a half inches of turfing soil on the ten-inch foundation of ashes and clinker, the workmen laid total of 78,250 pieces of turf, each measuring 18 by 12 inches and 2 1/2 inches thick.

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Dr. Stewart, Who Piloted Feminine Team to France,
Has Organized Association to Take Up This
Phase of Competition.

BY WALTER CAMP.

NEW YORK, December 19.—Athletics for women are taking on more importance every day. The Amateur Athletic Union not only has taken women's athletics under its jurisdiction, but Dr. Harry Stewart, who knows more about the subject than anybody else and who piloted the American women's team to France this year, has organized an association which will work toward the establishment of women's records. In the next two years we shall learn rapidly what lines are best adapted for contests between women and also discover the real value of competitive sport for them.

LITTLE LESSONS FOR THE GOLFER

By George O'Neil

Where to grasp the shaft is a matter of individual results. I take hold of my wood clubs at the end of the shaft. That seems to give me the best leverage on the ball. Chick Evans grasps his a few inches down on the leather. Much playing develops wrist strength, so that the player with strong wrists, usually, takes hold as far back from the club head as he can get, though there are exceptions to the rule.

As the iron club distance becomes shorter, the grip of the club slides down the shaft. For malleable chip shots, when they are short, say out of a trap, the grasp of my club usually is well down on the wood.

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HOCKEY SEASON OPENS SOON.
CLEVELAND, December 19.—The hockey season will open here on December 29 with an exhibition game between the Cleveland team of the United States Hockey League and the strongest Ontario Hockey Association team obtainable.

BOUT IS POSTPONED.
NEW ORLEANS, December 19.—The fifteen-round bout scheduled for last night between Johnny Karr of Cleveland and Johnny Clemens of Shreveport, was postponed because of inclement weather until tonight.

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